

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 370
92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Local Government April 15, 2003, with recommendation that the House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 370 Do Pass by Consent.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 44.090 and 190.243, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to emergency mutual-aid agreements.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 44.090 and 190.243, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 44.090 and 190.243, to read as follows:

44.090. 1. The executive officer of any political subdivision[, with the approval of the
2 governor,] may enter into mutual-aid arrangements or agreements with other public and private
3 agencies within and without the state for reciprocal emergency aid. Such arrangements or
4 agreements shall be consistent with the state disaster plan and program and the provisions of
5 section 70.837, RSMo, and section 320.090, RSMo. In time of emergency it shall be the duty
6 of each local organization for emergency management to render assistance in accordance with
7 the provisions of such mutual-aid arrangements or agreements.

8 2. The coordinator of each local organization for emergency management may assist in
9 negotiation of reciprocal mutual-aid agreements between his organization and other public and
10 private agencies and between the governor and the adjoining states or political subdivisions
11 thereof, and shall carry out arrangements or agreements relating to the local unit.

190.243. 1. Severely injured patients shall be transported to a trauma center. A
2 physician or registered nurse authorized by a physician who has established verbal
3 communication with ambulance personnel shall instruct the ambulance personnel to transport
4 a severely injured patient to the closest hospital or designated trauma center, as determined

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law. Matter in boldface type in the above law is proposed language.

5 according to estimated transport time whether by ground ambulance or air ambulance, in
6 accordance with transport protocol approved by the medical director and the department of health
7 and senior services, even when the hospital is located outside of the ambulance service's primary
8 service area. When initial transport from the scene of injury to a trauma center would be
9 prolonged, the severely injured patient may be transported to the nearest appropriate facility for
10 stabilization prior to transport to a trauma center.

11 2. Transport of the severely injured patient shall be governed by principles of timely and
12 medically appropriate care; consideration of reimbursement mechanisms shall not supersede
13 those principles.

14 3. Patients who are not severely injured shall be transported to and cared for at the
15 hospital of their choice so long as such ambulance service is not in violation of local protocols.

16 **4. A licensed ground ambulance service may transport patients from a licensed**
17 **hospital to a licensed hospital within their service area in political subdivisions that have**
18 **entered into a reciprocal emergency aid agreement.**